

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process for the retanning of iron-tanned leather, comprising applying to iron-tanned leather, condensates based on:
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- A) sulphonated aromatics,
 - B) aldehydes and/or ketones and optionally
 - C) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the unsulphonated aromatics, urea and urea derivatives
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- with the proviso that naphthalenesulphonic acid/formaldehyde condensate content and phenol and formaldehyde condensate content is in each case less than 25% by weight, based on the total amount of condensate.
- 15 2. The process according to Claim 1, wherein a leather having a softness of greater than 15 units, measured according to IUP/36, is obtained.
3. The process to Claim 1, characterized in that the condensate is based on:
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- A) phenolsulphonic acids and optionally other sulphonated aromatics, ,
 - B) formaldehyde and optionally
 - C) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the unsulphonated aromatics, urea and urea derivatives.
- 25 4. The process according to Claim 1, wherein the condensate is based on:
- A) phenolsulphonic acid and bishydroxyphenyl sulphone and
 - B) formaldehyde and optionally
 - C) urea.
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5. The process according to Claim 1, wherein the condensate is used in an amount of 1 to 20% by weight, based on the iron-tanned leather.
6. The process according to Claim 4, wherein the ratio of phenolsulphonic acid to bishydroxyphenyl sulphone being 80:20 to 10:90.
7. Process for the production of iron-tanned leather according to Claim 1, wherein the iron-tanned leather is derived from pelt which is pretreated under acidic conditions before the iron tanning.
8. Leather having an iron content of 1-7% by weight, that contains at least one condensate based on:
- A) sulphonated aromatics,
 - B) aldehydes and/or ketones and optionally
 - C) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the unsulphonated aromatics, urea and urea derivatives,
- with the proviso that naphthalenesulphonic acid/formaldehyde condensate content and phenol and formaldehyde condensate content is less than 25% by weight, based on the total amount of condensate.
9. Leather according to Claim 8, having a softness of greater than 15 units, measured according to IUP/36.